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1. DURING MAY 13 CALL ON DCM, AUSTRALIAN DCM HEARDER
SAID PRIME MINISTER FRASER PLANS TO CALL ON SYG LUNS AND
GENERAL HAIG ON JUNE 17. SUCH MEETINGS WOULD BE CONSONANT
WITH AUSTRALIA'S GROWING INTEREST IN NATO. WE RECALL ALSO
THE OCTOBER 1976 MEETING BETWEEN AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINIS-
TER PEACOCK AND LUNS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS (REFAIR).

2. HEARDER TOLD US THAT AUSTRALIA WAS PROVIDING INTEL-
LIGENCE DIVISION OF NATO'S INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF
(IMS) WITH A STUDY ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AS WELL AS ONE ON
CHINESE AND SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE PACIFIC. WE
UNDERSTAND FROM NATO SOURCES THAT A STUDY ON THE INDIAN
OCEAN WAS PASSED TO IMS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, BUT THAT THE
STUDY ON THE PACIFIC HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

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3. IMS ALSO TELLS US THAT, WHEN THE AUSTRALIANS PASSED
THEIR STUDY ON THE INDIAN OCEAN TO THE IMS, THEY SUGGESTED
IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO ESTABLISH A DIRECT EXCHANGE OF
"INTELLIGENCE" BETWEEN THE NATO IMS AND AUSTRALIA. THE
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, WHO RECEIVED
THIS AUSTRALIAN OVERTURE, WAS UNDERSTANDABLY RELUCTANT.
BOTH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND REGULARLY RECEIVE CLASSIFIED

TECHNICAL MILITARY STUDIES AND OTHER NATO INFORMATION THROUGH UK OR US SPONSORSHIP, WE UNDERSTAND, AND HAVE DONE SO FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. NONETHELESS, ANY DIRECT EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE OR OTHER INFORMATION BETWEEN NATO AND AUSTRALIA WOULD BE A DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL PRACTICES THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE SANCTIONED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL.

4. AUSTRALIA'S INTEREST IN EXPANDING ITS CONTACTS WITH NATO AND IN JOINING SOME NATO ACTIVITIES WAS FURTHER MANIFESTED IN THE APPLICATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUB-GROUP ON NAVSTAR GPS OF THE NATO TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON NAVIGATION AND POSITION FINDING (REF B). ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE GROUP BY AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, IF PERMITTED, WOULD BE ANOTHER DEPARTURE FROM TRADITIONAL PRACTICE THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE SANCTIONED BY THE COUNCIL. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS MADE THIS POINT DURING A MARCH MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP; WE UNDERSTAND THE POINT IN REF B WILL NOW BE PLACED BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. WE WOULD WELCOME WASHINGTON VIEWS ON AUSTRALIAN EFFORTS TOWARD NATO, AND ANY GUIDANCE WASHINGTON BELIEVES WOULD BE USEFUL. BENNETT

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